

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2006**

At 5:10 p.m. Chairwoman Deborah Gordon called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office. A quorum was attained at 5:25 p.m.

Members Attending: Chairwoman Deborah Gordon, Marc Hershman, Vice Chair Tom Kasten, Linda Koelling, Irene O'Connell, and Rosalie O'Mahony.

Staff/ Guests Attending: David Burruto (Assemblyman Leland Yee's Office), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director), Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff), Brisbane Councilwoman Sepi Richardson (C/CAG Board Member), Wes Lujan (Advocation), Jim Bigelow (CMEQ Committee), Brian Moura (San Carlos Assistant City Manager), and Duane Bay (County Housing Director).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

- None.

2. Approval of minutes from June 8, 2006.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. O'Connell/Kasten, unanimous with one abstention (Koelling).

3. Briefing from C/CAG's Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).

Wes Lujan reported:

- a) In addition to trying to deal with all of the pending bills before the close of the Legislative Session, the Leadership has called a special session to discuss prison reform and a conference committee to discuss term limits and redistricting.
- b) AB 2538 (Wolk) to increase the allowable planning and program funds for Congestion Management Agencies has been sent to the Senate Appropriations Suspense File. Any bill having a fiscal impact that exceeds \$150,000 is sent to Suspense. This bill has the potential of providing about \$400,000 annually to C/CAG for planning purposes.
- c) AB 2987 (Nunez) to reform telecommunications and substantially increase the State's role in franchising is also in Senate Appropriations. There have been many amendments to this bill that have still not been released. One item of particular concern is the limiting of penalties for customer service complaints to only three days. This means that the maximum fine would be \$1,500, hardly enough to make a difference to the large telecommunications companies. Also the emergency system override has not been included in the bill. This is of particular concern for local governments. The issue relating to support for PEG channels is being championed by Senator Simitian, who has gotten a great deal of feedback from his local constituents on this issue.
- d) Next week is when the bills that are being held in Appropriations will have to be reported out or will become inactive. It will be up to the Leadership in the Senate as to which bills are allowed to be reported out of the Appropriations Committee.

- e) AB 1611 (Simitian) to allow Congestion Management Agencies to increase the Vehicle Registration Fee to support congestion management programs subject to a majority vote of the electorate in that County is in the Senate Appropriations Suspense File. Senator Simitian's office feels that this bill has a very good chance of being approved by the Governor because of the requirement that the voters be given the opportunity to decide at the ballot. Some of the other Congestion Management Agencies in the Bay Area are expressing concerns with this bill because it contains some provisions that tie the allowable uses of the funds to environmental issues.
- f) There have been two polls conducted on the likely outcomes of bonds in the November election. The Field Poll shows that the vote is much closer than individuals had thought. It was showing that the bonds are showing support in the 50%'s, while the support for Proposition 1A (protection of the sales tax on fuel) is showing substantially greater support. The campaign in support of the bonds (run out of Senator Perata's Office) is showing Proposition 1A support at 67%, Proposition 1B support at 64% (transportation infrastructure), Proposition 1C support at 60% (housing bond), Proposition 1D support at 59% (school bond), and Proposition 1E support at 66% (levy bond). Proposition 84, which is also dealing with levies and other environmental projects, may wind up negatively impacting Proposition 1E by confusing the voters.
- g) There is a rumor that AB 3026 will be gutted and amended to exclude Police and Fire personnel from Workers' Compensation reform. Wes will be watching for this and will express C/CAG's concern that such a move would impact local government finances by increasing the PERS rates.
- h) A conference committee was called to discuss ACA 3, dealing with term limits. It is unclear whether there will be any movement on this issue. The voters have always overwhelmingly rejected any changes to term limits.

5. Review and approval of the Monthly Update on Pending Legislation.

The deadline for bills to pass the Legislature and be sent to the Governor is August 31st.

6. Consideration of positions on various bills:

- a) Proposition 1A – Transportation Funding Protection

Motion: To recommend a “SUPPORT” position to the C/CAG Board on Proposition 1A. O’Mahony/Koelling, unanimous.

- b) Proposition 1B – Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006

Motion: To recommend a “SUPPORT” position to the C/CAG Board on Proposition 1B. Hershman/O’Mahony, unanimous.

- c) Proposition 1C – Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006

Motion: To recommend a “SUPPORT” position to the C/CAG Board on Proposition 1C. Hershman/Kasten, unanimous with one abstention (O’Mahony).

- d) Proposition 1E – Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006

Motion: To recommend a “SUPPORT” position to the C/CAG Board on Proposition 1E. Kasten/O’Mahony, unanimous.

- e) Proposition 84 – Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute

Motion: To recommend that the C/CAG Board not take a Proposition 84.

Hershman/Kasten, unanimous. It was felt that this Proposition might create confusion with the voters and have a negative impact on developing support for the “Parks for the Future Initiative” that will provide direct funding for local jurisdictions in San Mateo County.

- f) Proposition 90 – Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property. Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Motion: To recommend an “OPPOSE” position to the C/CAG Board on Proposition 90. Hershman/Kasten, unanimous.

7. Establish date and time for next meeting (September 14, 2006).

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Committee will be on Thursday, September 14, 2006.

8. Other items/Comments from Guests.

None.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.